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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



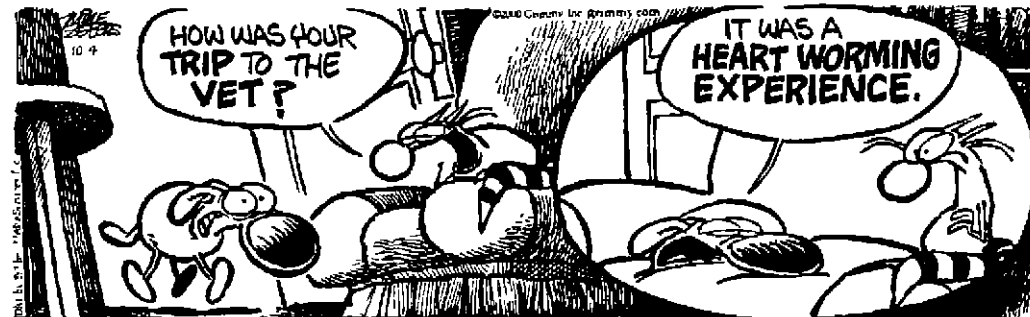
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



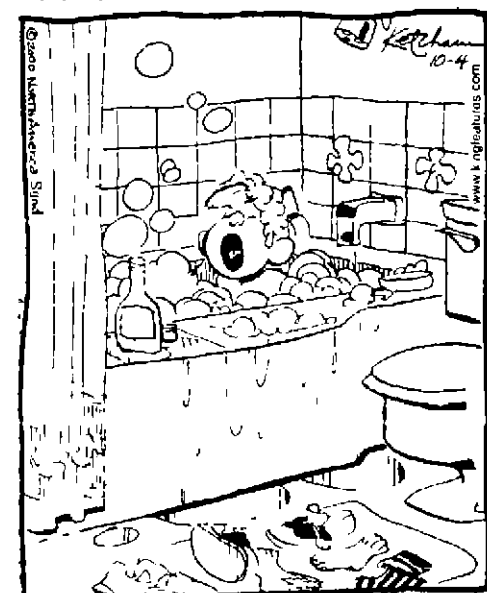
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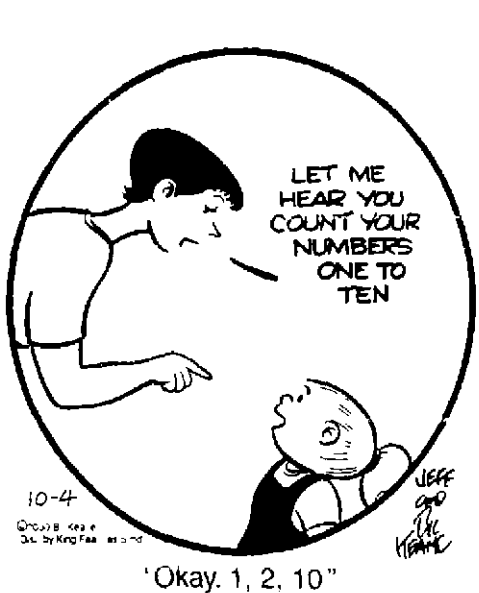
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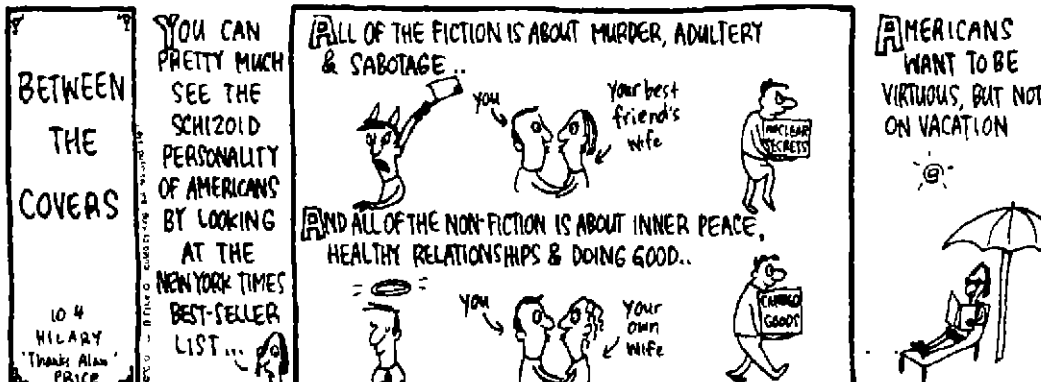
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Jan Murray is 83 Actor Charlton Heston is 76 Actress Felicia Farr is 68 Actor Eddie Applegate is 65 Author Jackie Collins is 59 Author Anne Rice is 59 Actor Clifton Davis is 55 Actress Susan Sarandon is 54 Actor Armand Assante is 51 Actor Alan Rosenberg is 50 Producer Russell Simmons is 43 Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 41 Actor David W. Harper is 39

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 80-90 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. 8 letters used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSJ's Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-4-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

HE'S IN THE MIDDLE

A K I F C Z W U R P M J H E C
Z X U S Q N L J G D E C Z X Y
T R S C L O T H E S P I N P D
N D L D J H D D R U E C A I Y
W V L T A R A E E D S P S E N
L K I E W E E T H R L H R W G
E C B Z H X H W O S E E E U S
R P O D E E E D C V H H R M
L I L I Y G B E E D W D T P S
B A A Y X W U L A R T S O I U
B Q P O N L K J H G F D C B W

Tuesday's unlisted clue: POPEYE
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue: CURDS AND —

Adhere	Clothespin	Redheads	Ushers
Baldheaded	Cohere	Shed	Whew
Beheld	Dishevel	They	Withered
	Others	Upheid	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to take three deep breaths and think carefully before speaking. Others will want you to get caught up in petty dramas.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Now is a good time to make money to purchase some of those luxury items you so desire.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might run into problems with your finances.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Everyone seems unusually busy when you just feel like hanging out.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Send out that business and personal correspondence as responses will be favorable.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's an excellent time for Virgo that promises lots of fun and creativity.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will hear from an older relative. You would be well-advised to follow their advice.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might not be feeling your best, but you will still manage to impress someone important.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Money, and how to get more of it, suddenly becomes a serious preoccupation.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You will accomplish startling things in terms of your career.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Saving time with sloppy work will only backfire on you in the long run.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Friends might call upon you for an opinion in an important matter. Consider all possible pros and cons before you offer advice.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led the heart force to East's queen, and another high heart forced dummy to ruff. South led a trump to his queen and a trump back to dummy's eight, hoping to drop East's ace. Curiously, East took the trump jack and cashed the ace, removing dummy's last trump. With dummy unable to ruff East cashed a high heart, giving the defenders two tricks in each major for one down. South needn't have bet all on finding East with A-x in spades. All he had to do was ensure two heart ruffs in dummy. After ruffing East's heart continuation in dummy, South leads a trump to his queen and ruffs his last heart. Having ruffed his last heart, he can now safely lead dummy's trump king to East's ace. Now, it doesn't matter who has the trump jack. It will be the last trick for the defense. In today's layout, if East cashes his trump jack and punches South in hearts, South can ruff and run the clubs. His last trump denies the defenders any more heart winners. What if West has the trump jack? No difference. South accepts the force in hearts and runs the clubs until West ruffs. Either way, all the defenders can win are two trump tricks and one heart.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

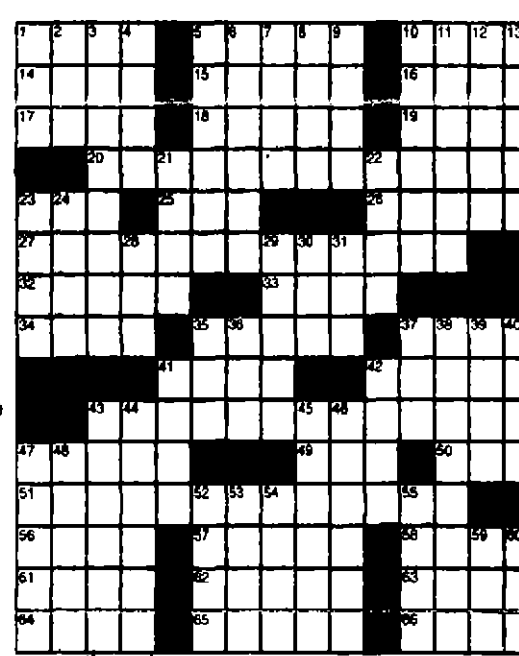
No. 082

ACROSS
1 Where Sherlock Holmes "died," with "the"
5 Deejays' platters
10 Omnibus alternative
14 Ticked off
15 Ripley's last words?
16 Shakespearean ensign
17 Energy source
18 Get stuck
19 River of Aragón
20 Outsized sleeping accommodations?
23 Calypso offshoot
25 Long intro?
26 Blubbers
27 Too-small topper?
32 Where the action is
33 Thought Prefix
34 Encircle
35 Like cheddar cheese on a tray
37 One of the Iliads
41 "Duck soup!"
42 H.M.O. requirement, usually
43 Too little of a bad thing?
47 Russian pancakes
49 Dawn goddess
50 Tale teller
51 Somewhat belated desire?
56 Ruination
57 Fess up
58 Pro —
61 Dilly
62 Sailor's respite
63 Frolic autn
64 Noggin
65 Maze word
66 Seeds often get them

DOWN
1 Center of a companion
2 His wife was a pillar
3 Vulgar sort
4 It might jackknife
5 Maternity classification of sherry
6 Move forward
7 —Aryan
8 Year-end libations
9 "Keep as is"
10 —del Fuego
11 Animal in a warren
12 Match, grammatically
13 They sometimes swing
21 Star in Lyra
22 Go off the wall?
23 Hose problem
24 Opera — To Kanawa
26 "Bitter" part
29 Nation with a solid green flag
30 Poetic homage

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPOT ALONA CAMP
AIOA MANES OVER
GEORGE BUSH MINI
ERR ALES GILDS
ROIL SARCASM
IMPALA MAME
COON SOLITAIRE
ELECTION ANAGRAM
DETHRONED NOTI
AWAY WIENER
FLATCAR SICS
LUCRE RAGU PUP
ASTI HEBUGSGORE
STEP ALICE USSA
HYDE WISED MEAT



Puzzle by William A. Ballard

31 Nancy Drew's boyfriend
35 No-goodnik
36 Manipulate
37 Shortstop, e.g.
38 Spiritual revelation
39 Prefx with second
40 AMEX counterpart
41 Lighted sign
42 Dermatologist's diagnosis
43 Official seal
44 "Psst!" follower, maybe
45 Reason out
46 Hang out
47 Jazz variation
48 Thick vine
52 Brown rival
53 Where it all started
54 Latin 101 verb
55 Horseshoe
56 Last X of X-X
60 "I" or "F" Abb

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